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IMPORT OF POULTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to lift ban on the import of poultry products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of discussion held in the meeting of India-UAE Trade Policy Forum; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): In view of the outbeak of Avian Influenza in various countries of the world, the Central Government has imposed restrictions on import of poultry products from the countries positive for Avian Influenza since 2004 and recently extended vide notification No.1311(E) dated 1st August 2007 to prevent the ingress of Avian Influenza into the country. There is no proposal under consideration to lift the ban on import of poultry products from Avian Influenza positive countries in the interest of animal and human health of the country.

(c): During the 9th India- United Arab Emirates (UAE) Joint Commission meeting held on 5-6th June 2007 at New Delhi, United Arab Emirates was requested to lift the ban which it had re-imposed in March 2007 on import of poultry products from India.

(d): In pursuance to these discussions, United Arab Emirates had agreed to lift the ban on import of eggs from India subject to the condition that India will give a written undertaking that India is free from avian influenza. A Ministerial Order No.257 of 2007 to this effect was also issued by United Arab Emirates, Ministry of Environment and Water on 6-6-2007. However, United Arab Emirates (UAE) has imposed a ban on Indian exports of all live birds and poultry products after outbreak of Avian Influenza in Manipur (Village − Chingmeirong) on 25th July 2007.